

Minutes of the 150th JISPB Meeting, 24 October 1946

Present

Col. Cook, G-2
Col. Piper, Navy, USMC
Col. Atkinson, A-2
Dr. Meigs, State
Dr. L.O. Quam, JISPB
Major Lynn, JISPB

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1. In the absence of Chairman of Board, Dr. Quam occupied the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

2. Dr. Quam reviewed the request from Encyclopaedia Britannica and replies to letters sent to each board member, for permission to use a phrase about JANIS in Ten Eventful Years, and called for discussion. It was agreed to check with [REDACTED] and let each member of Board know the outcome and then draft letter requesting that the article not be used.

3. Dr. Quam read a letter from the Columbia University Press of October 11, requesting permission to use JANIS for their gazetteer and map appraisal chapter.

Dr. Meigs moved that Columbia University Press be referred to BGN since that is a civilian agency and in possession of world maps, etc. Motion was passed.

4. The reply from JSC regarding procedure in making JANIS available to Government agencies was read. It was agreed to forward the paper to JIC through JTS.

5. Report on feasibility of producing JANIS by mimeograph or some other inexpensive method was read. It was decided to forward

the paper to JTS for a decision on changing the method of printing. It was also brought out that a review of the JISPB contract with McGregor & Werner would be made in view of the fact that excessive charges are being made. This would be done upon the return to Washington of Mr. Beatty of the Navy who drew up the contract.

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6. The cost of preparing a non-classified handbook of JANIS similar to [REDACTED] was discussed. It was agreed that this was desirable but doubt was expressed about the feasibility. It would increase the work load of JISPB about 33 1/3%. It was agreed to submit the proposal to JTS with the recommendation that it is desirable.

7. The survey of estimates made by various branches of the Army and Navy with regard to the value of JANIS was distributed. It was decided to request JTS to approve the reproduction of the report for distribution to all contributors and higher echelons.

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8. Other business discussed was the comparison of JISPB outline with [REDACTED]. The JISPB outline is believed to be very much the better, but an agreement should be reached in making the outlines similar in view of the similarity of work. It was agreed for the members to take copies of the comparisons with them in order to study them more closely.

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9. Dr. Quam brought out that the next JANIS study on the priority list [REDACTED] but stated that Col. Poole had always avoided starting work on the study since it was hoped that [REDACTED] would do it. Nothing more has been said about it and it was agreed to bring the matter up at the next JTS meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.